

21. *Marmosa elegans sponsoria*, Thos.

♂. 1468, 1473, 1484, 1497; ♀. 1481, 1505. Higuerilla, 2000 m.

I am inclined to suppose that *sponsoria* should not have been separated from *cinderella*, but will not definitely suppress the name until a better series is available from Tucuman, the type-locality of the latter.

22. *Marmosa elegans pallidior*, Thos.

♀. 1409 (imm.). Alfarcito, 2600 m.

LXI.—*The Masked Civets (Paguma) of Western China.*
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THE British Museum has received two examples of *Paguma* from Yunnan, collected by the Rev. W. N. Fergusson, and these I find to be nearly allied to the form from Burma and the Shan States, described by Wroughton as *Paguma larvata intrudens* *.

This latter is an animal larger than the South and Eastern China *P. larvata*, but I find that two specimens from Western China (Sui-ling, Chung-king, and Ichang) are also of the same comparatively large size, as is that from Yunnan, so that it is evident that the *Pagumas* of the Upper Yang-tze and of the Shan States are all consistently larger than true *P. larvata*.

Inter se, however, these large *Pagumas* seem divisible into three races, which might be treated as subspecies, as follows:—

1. *P. l. intrudens*, Wroughton.

General colour duller, browner. Suborbital white patch large. White of nape at a maximum, passing down to or past the withers. Tail black terminally for about 16 inches.

Hab. Burma and Shan States.

2. *P. l. yunalis*, subsp. n.

General colour brighter, warmer, the ends of the hairs

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almost ochraceous. Suborbital patch small, a mere vague streak. White of nape barely reaching withers, well defined, more or less surrounded by black. Distal foot of tail black. Skull 120 mm. from occipital crest to gnathion.

Hab. Yunnan. Type from Yen-yuen-sien.

Type. Adult female. B.M. no. 21.10.15.1. Collected by the Rev. W. N. Ferguson.

3. *P. l. rivalis*, subsp. n.

General colour pale, the ends of the hairs buffy or buffy whitish. Suborbital patch large, prominently white, extending practically up to the eye. Nape-patch irregular, whitish, not surrounded by black, and not extending to the withers. End of tail (about 8 inches in the Chung-king specimen) above black.

Hab. Yang-tze from Chung-king to Ichang; type from Ichang.

Type. Adult female. B.M. no. 2.6.10.16. Presented by F. W. Styan, Esq.

It is probable that these large western *Pagumas* should be specifically separated from the smaller ones of Eastern and Southern China, but owing to the absence of good skulls I prefer to leave this question open for the present, and treat them all as subspecies of *P. larvata*.

I am not in a position to check Prof. Matschie's distinction* of the Canton form as *P. reevesi*, but I may note that Reeves's specimen, the type of the latter name, is still in the British Museum, No. 81 a.

LXII.—On Three new Australian Rats.

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ARISING out of the recent gift to the British Museum by Prof. Wood Jones of some South-Australian Muridæ, I have had occasion to look at several of our Australian rats, and now find the three following forms to need description:—

Leporillus jonesi, sp. n.

Near *L. apicalis*, but larger and with shorter ears.

Size, as gauged by skull and foot, decidedly larger than in

* Filchner Exped., Mamm. p. 183 (1907).